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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-6. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) A method for detecting insulin dependent diabetes or susceptibility to developing insulin dependent (type 1) diabetes in a mammal comprising:

contacting a biological sample from the mammal with an IGRP polypeptide or fragment thereof and

detecting the presence of antibodies to IGRP in the biological sample

wherein detection of said antibodies is a response indicative of the presence of
autoimmune (type 1) diabetes or the susceptibility to developing immune mediated (type 1) diabetes in said mammal.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein biological sample is blood and the detecting step comprises measuring the levels of circulating autoantibodies to IGRP in the blood of the mammal.

8-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the ~~measuring~~ detecting step comprises a radioimmunoassay, an ELISA assay, a depletion ELISA, or an immunoprecipitation method.

12-17. (Cancelled)